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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT; JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO IZRAEL OF  
HYDROMET FROM TRAIN:

"DEAR YURI:

AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL FOR PROJECT V-2 (PROTECTION  
OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS) IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, ON SEPTEMBER 19,  
1974, DR. DILLON OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL RECEIVED AN  
INVITATION FROM PROFESSOR P.I. MELNIKOV, DIRECTOR OF THE PERMA-  
FROST INSTITUTE AT YAKUTSK, FOR A VISIT OF TWO US SCIENTISTS IN  
AUGUST 1975 TO COLLABORATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER MODELS  
TO ASSIST IN PREDICTING AND SOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF  
NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT. PROFESSOR MELNIKOV SUGGESTED THAT EITHER  
THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT OR THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND  
USSR ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENT  
UNDER WHICH TO FACILITATE THIS STUDY.

THE US SIDE BELIEVES THAT PROJECT V-2 UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
AGREEMENT WOULD APPROPRIATELY EMBRACE THIS STUDY AND THAT SUB-  
PROJECT A-1 (PRODUCTIVITY AND FUNCTIONAL INTERRELATIONSHIPS  
IN TAIGA AND TUNDRA ECOSYSTEMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THEIR PROTECTION  
AND MANAGEMENT) WOULD ESPECIALLY ACCOMMODATE THIS WORK THROUGH  
ITS PROVISIONS FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND STANDARDIZATION  
OF RESEARCH METHODS IN NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS.

I HOPE THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR E. U. CURTIS BOHLEN TO DISCUSS  
THIS WITH DR. DENISOV, DR. KONTRIMAVICHYUS, AND PROFESSOR MELNIKOV  
IF HE IS IN ATTENDANCE, AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND,  
IF AGREEABLE, THAT THIS FIELD OF COOPERATIVE WORK BE INCLUDED IN  
THE 1975 TECHNICAL EXCHANGES.

IN CLOSING LET ME EXPRESS MY SINCERE REGRETS THAT I WILL BE  
UNABLE TO VISIT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES IN THE CENTRAL  
ASIAN REPUBLICS AFTER THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. THE PRES-  
IDENT HAS REQUESTED THAT I BE IN WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. MRS. TRAIN AND I HAD LOOKED FORWARD

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TO THE CENTRAL ASIAN TRIP WITH KEEN ANTICIPATION AND I HOPE  
WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS IN THE FUTURE.  
SINCERELY,  
RUSSELL E. TRAIN  
INGERSOLL

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